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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Dan Sparks, head basketball coach at Vincennes University, Vincennes, Indiana, for his accomplishments.

Whereas, This year marks the beginning of the 22nd year that Dan Sparks has been head basketball coach and athletic director for Vincennes University, Vincennes, Indiana;

Whereas, As head coach of his alma mater, Coach Sparks began the 2000-2001 season with a 582-155 coaching record. He won his 600th game as the Vincennes coach January 24, 2001;

Whereas, Dan Sparks was recruited to play for Vincennes University in 1964 and helped the Trailblazers to become the

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first team east of the Mississippi River to win a National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) championship;

Whereas, During his final year at Vincennes University, Dan was the Blazers' No. 2 scorer, averaging with 17 points per game;

Whereas, Dan finished his college career at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, where he was one of the top scorers and rebounders in the Big Sky Conference;

Whereas, In his senior year at Weber State, he led the team to the conference title and was a unanimous selection to the All-Conference team;

Whereas, After college, Dan played professional basketball with the Miami Floridians and the New Orleans Buccaneers in the American Basketball Association (ABA) and the Chicago Bulls in the National Basketball Association (NBA). He also was an assistant coach and chief scout for the Kansas City Kings of the NBA;

Whereas, Dan was named the 1986 NJCAA coach of the year, and he was inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame before the start of the 2000 national tournament; and

Whereas, Dan has made great contributions to basketball both on the college and professional level, influencing the lives of many young men and women: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
- 2 commend Coach Dan Sparks on his illustrious career as a player and
- 3 a coach.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Coach Dan Sparks
- 6 and his family.

